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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**

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**OMB Control Number 1029-0036]**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Surface Mining Permit Applications – Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plan**

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) are proposing to renew an information collection used by the regulatory authority to determine if surface coal mine applicants can comply with the applicable performance and environmental standards required by the law.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov); or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to John Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1849 C. Street, NW, Mail Stop 4559, Washington, DC 20240; or by email to [jtrelease@osmre.gov](mailto:jtrelease@osmre.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1029-0039 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact John Trelease by email at [jtrelease@osmre.gov](mailto:jtrelease@osmre.gov), or by telephone at (202) 208-2783. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provides the requested data in the desired format.

A Federal Register notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on November 20, 2017 (82 FR 55114). No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of OSMRE; (2) is the estimate of burden accurate; (3) how might OSMRE enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) how might OSMRE minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review,

we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Title:* 30 CFR part 780 – Surface Mining Permit Applications - Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plan.

*OMB Control Number:* 1029-0036.

*Abstract:* Sections 507(b), 508(a), 510(b), 515(b) and (d), and 522 of 30 U.S.C. 1201 et. seq. require applicants to submit operation and reclamation plans for coal mining activities. This information collection is needed to determine whether the plans will achieve the reclamation and environmental protections pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. Without this information, Federal and State regulatory authorities cannot review and approve permit application requests.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Applicants for surface coal mine permits, and State regulatory authorities.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 133 surface coal mining permit applicants and 24 State regulatory authorities.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 4,101.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* Varies from 2 hours to 160 hours, depending on type of respondent and information requested.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 117,731 hours.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* One time.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* \$1,048,503.

## SUMMARY ANNUAL BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS FOR 30 CFR Part 780

SECTION	NUMBER OF APPLICANTS	NUMBER OF STATE RESPONSES	HOURS PER APPLICANT	HOURS PER STATE	BURDEN HOURS REQUESTED	HOURS CURRENTLY APPROVED	DIFFERENCE
780.11	133	132	8	7	1,988	806	1,182
780.12	133	132	16	2	2,392	953	1,439
780.13	133	132	80	6.5	11,498	6,661	4,837
780.14	133	132	80	32	14,864	5,638	9,226
780.16	133	132	30	11	5,442	2,996	2,446
780.18	133	132	8	5	1,724	1,156	568
780.21	133	132	160	21.5	24,118	1,376	22,742
780.22	133	132	120	18.5	18,402	3,468	14,934
780.23	133	132	40	9	6,508	5,495	1,013
780.25	133	132	40	10	6,640	1,152	5,488
780.27	27	27	16	2.5	500	345	155
780.29	133	132	16	5	2,788	2,426	362
780.31	133	132	8	5	1,724	1,612	112
780.33	133	132	16	4	2,656	1,734	922
780.35	36	36	27	12	1,404	10,359	-8,955
780.37	133	132	23	7	3,983	4,620	-637
780.38	133	132	77.5	6	11,100	3,470	7,630
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>765.5</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>117,731</b>	<b>54,267</b>	<b>63,464</b>

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et

seq).

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